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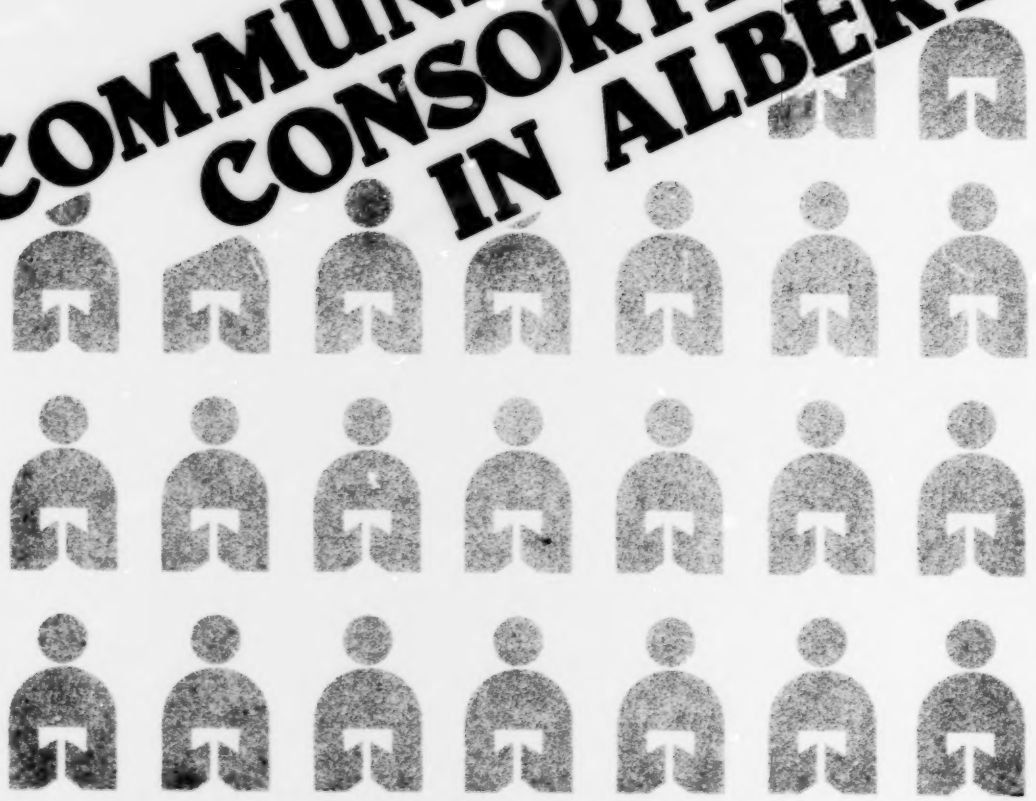

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Community Consortia are voluntary associations of post-secondary institutions working together to provide credit programs in various regions of Alberta. This booklet describes Alberta Advanced Education's Community Consortia program and outlines the 1985-86 activities of the five Consortia.

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COMMUNITY CONSORTIA IN ALBERTA

OVERVIEW

In June of 1980, the Government of Alberta established five of Community Consortia in Alberta. The Community Consortia are voluntary associations of post-secondary institutions and agencies who cooperate with each other and the local community to provide credit programs to local residents. They were established in five areas of the Province that are not in close proximity to an existing post-secondary institution.

Colleges, universities, technical institutes, vocational centres and other agencies such as ACCESS participate in delivering credit programs in the following centres and surrounding regions:

Big Country Educational Consortium:
Drumheller, Hanna, Oyen, Youngstown, Stettler, Coronation.
Chinook Educational Consortium: Crowsnest Pass, Pincher Creek, Claresholm
North Peace Adult Education Consortium: Peace River, McLennan, Falher, Manning
Pembina Educational Consortium: Drayton Valley, Whitecourt
Yellowhead Region Educational Consortium: Hinton, Edson, Jasper, Grande Cache

Each Consortium offers programming to meet needs unique to its location. As well, programs such as academic upgrading, business administration, clerk typist/secretarial sciences, early childhood development and trades-related updating or upgrading are offered.

The Community Consortia are actively involved in the Alberta Educational Teleconference Network System, which facilitates the teleconferencing of credit courses from many post-secondary institutions to Community Consortia and other locations in the Province.

Programs are delivered in a variety of leased facilities in the main centres served by the Consortium. As required, arrangements may be made to use the local high schools, churches, or public buildings.

GOVERNANCE

Each Community Consortium is served by a Regional Advisory Committee, comprised of between 10 and 20 community volunteers. These citizens represent the various social, educational, business and cultural interests of the communities and regions served. It is their role to provide philosophical, programming, budgetary and manpower information and advice to the Board of Directors.

Each Community Consortium is governed by a Board of Directors, composed of the Presidents of the participating educational institutions, or their designates, and representatives from the Regional Advisory Committee. The Board is responsible for establishing the terms of reference governing the overall operation of the Community Consortium. The Board also makes decisions pertaining to the disbursement of any funds allocated to the Community Consortium from all sources.

One of the participating institutions serves as an Administrative Agent for each Community Consortium. The Administrative Agent, who administers financial and legal affairs on behalf of the Consortium Board of Directors, maintains appropriate financial records, and is the legal owner of any furnishings, equipment or other property of the Consortium. The Administrative Agent is accountable to the Board of Directors and the Department for the expenditure of funds.

At each Community Consortium site, a Consortium Director works with an administrative staff to facilitate program delivery in the area. He is responsive to the Regional Advisory Committee's recommendations as to their perception (usually based on needs assessments) of regional programming interest. The Consortium Director is also an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and maintains close contact with the Department.

PROGRAM PLANNING AND DELIVERY

A key activity of the Regional Advisory Committee is to identify those programs that the community requires. The Consortium Director works closely with the Regional Advisory Committee in this needs identification activity and discusses the program requests with the institutions. For each Community Consortium, a Program Committee has been established. This committee, which includes representatives from the program staff of participating institutions, determines institutional programs which can respond to identified needs, provides advice and recommendations as to the timing and sequencing of programs and courses and identifies operating and instructional equipment requirements.

Together, these parties develop an annual Community Consortium Program Plan. The plan is reviewed by the Regional Advisory Committee and programs are priorized according to the Committee's perception of community need and demand. This priorized list is reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors and submitted as a Community Consortium Program Plan to the Department. Program grants are provided on the condition that a minimum number of students (usually 10) register in each program.

The Community Consortia Program Grant provides funds for post-secondary institutional credit programs that have been approved under the terms and conditions of the Program Coordination Policy. These programs lead to a degree, diploma or certificate.

Short-term employment-related programs, which culminate in a certificate being awarded by a participating institution or a licencing body, also qualify for grants.

Some funds may also be approved for credit courses if the courses are linked to a credit program of the delivering institution and are articulated in a plan that allows for the winding down of a credit program whose approval term has expired. Credit courses that extend the range of electives in the existing program or are to be delivered in a new location may be approved.

In addition, non-credit courses supported by Further Education Services, Alberta Advanced Education and the Continuing Education Departments of participating institutions, are provided at each Community Consortium site. The Community Consortia provide for the General Education Development (GED) examinations to occur and may be involved in other community service activities, such as educational cable consortia.

Funds provided to the Community Consortia originate from Alberta Advanced Education in the form of an administrative grant and a program grant.

The Administrative Grant is used to fund the daily operations at the Community Consortia sites; to provide for lease costs, renovations, administrative salaries, furnishings, and other administrative costs.

The Program Grant provides funds for credit programs. These funds are distributed as conditional grants to the institutions providing the programs, on a cost-accounting basis. In addition to funding credit programs, this grant has provided a limited amount of money to support high demand credit courses.

A total of $3,967,504 has been provided to the Community Consortia in 1986-87, in the form of program and administrative grants.

Students registering in Community Consortia programs are the delivering institution's students and they pay tuition fees to the institution providing their program of study. They also may apply to the Students Finance Board for financial assistance. Student participation has grown steadily since 1982-83.

Student Participation

	# of Programs	Program Registrants	Course Enrolments
1982-83	33	908	3205
1983-84	48	1,531	5227
1984-85	56	2,046	6918
1985-86	59	2,868	8523

The contribution of Alberta's post-secondary institutions towards the success of the Community Consortia cannot be over-emphasized. The voluntary participation of the institutions' chief executive officers at policy-making Board meetings and staff participation in program planning enhances the ability of the Government of Alberta to focus on regional expansion in the provision of credit programming in Alberta. The Community Consortia provide a unique opportunity for volunteers from the private sector as well. In their interactions with representatives from the government and the universities, colleges and technical institutions, community participants have direct input into the process of determining local training and educational needs.

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ACTIVITIES

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The Big Country Educational Consortium is composed of eight post-secondary educational institutions which work with community residents to provide community based adult education throughout the Big Country area. These institutions include Olds College, Red Deer College, Medicine Hat College, Mount Royal College, The University of Calgary, Athabasca University, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology and Alberta Vocational Centre-Calgary. The Consortium first received funding for educational programming in July 1982.

Programming

The Big Country Educational Consortium facilitates the delivery of courses teleconferenced through the Alberta Educational Teleconference Network (Telenetwork) and long distance telephone systems.

As a part of its total educational response, Big Country provides consulting services to surrounding communities. The Consortium was also involved in the creation of the Drumheller and District Development Corporation, the Prairie Association for Water Management and the Community Needs Assessment Council. Support services are also given to Drumheller Community Television.

The Big Country Educational Consortium acts as the designated hosting authority for the Drumheller and District Further Education Council and provides organizational direction, as requested. As well as cooperating in joint advertising ventures with this Council and the Big Country (Oyen) and Paint Earth (Coronation) Further Education Councils, the Big Country Educational Consortium cooperates in the planning and

administration of needs assessment surveys with the Three Hills Further Education Council and the Drumheller and District, Paint Earth and Wheatland (Strathmore) Further Education Councils. The Big Country Further Education Council coordinates the Consortia programming in the Oyen area and the Wheatland Further Education Council has cooperated with the Big Country Consortium to establish a teleconference centre in Strathmore. The Hanna Further Education Council maintains an informal linkage with this Community Consortium as well.

During the 1985-86 year, 1547 credit course enrolments were recorded in Drumheller, Stettler, Oyen, Coronation, Hanna, Trochu, Strathmore and Youngstown. There were 520 students registered in the credit programs offered.

The following credit programs are planned for delivery through the Big Country Educational Consortium in the 1986/87 year:

Program	Location	Institution
Academic Upgrading	Drumheller	Alberta Vocational Centre - Calgary
General Business Administration Diploma Year 2	Drumheller	Mount Royal College
Business Administration Diploma Year 2	Stettler	Red Deer College
Early Childhood Development Diploma	Drumheller	Red Deer College
General Business Administration Diploma Year 1	Drumheller	Mount Royal College
Business Administration Year 1	Stettler	Red Deer College
Farm Business Management	Drumheller/ Linden	Olds College
Secretarial Arts Certificate	Drumheller	Olds College

Big Country: Board of Directors

Chairman: Dr. Dan Cornish; Members: Ms. Judith Lathrop, Dr. Robert Bigsby, Dr. Fred Speckeen, Mr. Bert Strain, Mrs. Shirley McClellan, Mrs. Anne Herman, Mr. Dave Jenkins, Mr. Chuck J. Meagher, Mr. James Ramsbottom, Dr. Ed Luterbach, Ms. Diana Pryde, Ms. Diane Osberg, and Dr. Brent Pickard.

Big Country: Regional Advisory Committee

Chairman: Mr. James Ramsbottom; Members: Mrs. Jean Cammaert, Mrs. Shirley McClellan, Mr. Jack Gorman, Mrs. Deen Hymas, Mrs. Anne Herman, Mr. Bert Strain, Mr. Doug Blake, Mrs. Shirley McLarty, Mr. Clarence Esau, Mr. Bob Hahn, and Mr. Bill Cherniwchan.

CHINOOK EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM

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The Chinook Educational Consortium has as its member institutions, The University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge Community College, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, Alberta Vocational Centre - Calgary, and Athabasca University. The Consortium houses its main offices and classrooms in leased, downtown Blairmore facilities. Crowsnest Pass (Blairmore) and Pincher Creek are the two main centres through which programs are delivered in the area, with Claresholm having recently been included as a programming location for the Chinook Educational Consortium.

Programming

The Chinook Educational Consortium emphasizes distance delivery via new technologies whenever practical and is a strong supporter of teleconferencing. Computer Managed Learning (CML) provides the backbone for Academic Upgrading, with computer links to Lethbridge Community College.

The Crowsnest Pass and Pincher Creek Further Education Councils organize the delivery of non-credit computer courses through the Chinook Educational Consortium, sharing both the facilities and equipment available at the Consortium site.

There were 1209 credit course enrolments in the Chinook region during 1985-86, with 587 students registered in the credit programs that were offered.

In addition to some credit courses, the following credit programs are to be delivered in the 1986/87 program year:

Program	Location	Institution
Academic Upgrading	Crowsnest Pass/ Pincher Creek	Lethbridge Community College
Academic Upgrading	Claresholm	Lethbridge Community College
Business Administration Diploma	Crowsnest Pass	Lethbridge Community College
B.Sc. Nursing	Crowsnest Pass	University of Lethbridge
Secretarial Science Certificate	Crowsnest Pass	Lethbridge Community College
Academic Upgrading Adult Basic Education	Crowsnest Pass/ Pincher Creek	Lethbridge Community College
Registered Nursing Assistant	Crowsnest Pass	Alberta Vocational Centre - Calgary
Credit Courses	Crowsnest Pass/ Pincher Creek/ Claresholm	University of Lethbridge

Chinook: Board of Directors

Chairman: Mr. Les Talbot; Members: Dr. Fred Speckeen, Mr. Ray Jewison, Dr. Carol Benson, Mr. Chuck McCleary, Mr. John Jensen, Mr. Jerry Rejman, Ms. Diana Pryde, and Dr. Brent Pickard.

Chinook: Regional Advisory Committee

Chairman: Mr. Jerry Rejman; Members: Mrs. Barb Townsend, Mr. Csaba Lorinczi, Mr. Ed Hamel, Mr. John Jensen, Mr. Rick Matheson, Mrs. Pauline Seitz, Dr. Carol Benson, Ms. Julie Thurston, Mrs. Lynn Vandenburg, Mrs. Connie Noble, Mr. Art Vandenberg, Mr. Al Walkey, Ms. Fran Amundson, Mr. Jim Bester, Mr. Eric Price, Mrs. Helen Bator, Mr. Art Mathes, Mrs. Jackie Fougere-Poirier, and Mr. Ernie Patterson.

NORTH PEACE ADULT EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

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The North Peace Adult Education Consortium, established in 1978 in Peace River, was the first of its kind in Alberta. Local demands for educational opportunities in the area resulted in the formation of the Community Consortium. Grande Prairie Regional College, Fairview College, Alberta Vocational Centre - Grouard, Athabasca University, The University of Alberta and The University of Calgary cooperated with ACCESS Alberta and the local residents to provide for program delivery in Dixonville, Falher, Manning, McLennan, Peace River, and the surrounding region.

Programming

The North Peace Adult Education Consortium has expanded its capacity to deliver teleconferenced courses through its connection with the Telenetwork system. This system enables institutions from throughout Alberta to send their courses to the Peace River area.

Due to an agreement reached between the Consortium and the Peace River Public and Separate School Boards, there now exists a joint ownership, lease and use arrangement for an Industrial Training Building. This facility was completed in Spring, 1985 and is being used for industrial, vocational and technical programming.

The Adult Education Centre facilities are also used by the Peace River and District Further Education Council and other community organizations who offer many additional non-credit courses. The North Peace Adult Education Consortium acts as the designated hosting authority to the Peace River and District Further Education Council as well as the Manning and District and Grimshaw/Berwyn Further Education Councils. The Consortium also assists in work of the Smokey River Further Education Council.

There were 2040 credit course enrolments throughout the 1985-86 program year, with 645 students registered in the programs offered.

In 1986-87, the North Peace Adult Education Consortium is providing for the delivery of the following credit programs in the North Peace region:

Program	Location	Institution
Adult Upgrading Vocational Training	Manning	Fairview College
Adult Upgrading Expansion	Peace River	Fairview College
Business Education Certificate	McLennan	Alberta Vocational Centre - Grouard
Business Administration Certificate	Peace River/ Manning/Fahler	Grande Prairie Regional College
Visual Arts Certificate	Peace River/ Manning	Grande Prairie Regional College
Pre-Employment Trades	Peace River	Fairview College
Bachelor of Administration	Peace River/ Manning/Fahler	Athabasca University
Adult Upgrading Vocational Training Credit Courses	Dixonville	Fairview College Various

North Peace: Board of Directors

Chairman: Mr. Dave van Tamelen; Members: Dr. Neil Clarke, Ms. Dorothy Rowles, Mr. Fred Dumont, Dr. Iain Taylor, Dr. Michael Plumb, Mr. Lloyd Carswell, Mr. Karl Gongos, Ms. Joan Wahl, Mr. Jim Peacock, Mr. Harold Wynne, and Dr. Brent Pickard.

North Peace: Regional Advisory Committee

Chairman: Mr. Dave van Tamelen; Members: Ms. Linda Beltrano, Mr. Brian Young, Ms. Linda Calder, Ms. Birgit Sorenson, Ms. Joan Wahl, Mr. Jim Peacock, Ms. Beth Taylor Holton, and Mr. Jim Sheasgreen.

PEMBINA EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM

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The Pembina Educational Consortium includes the following member institutions: ACCESS Alberta, The Alberta Petroleum Industry Training Centre, Alberta Vocational Centre - Edmonton, Athabasca University, Grant MacEwan Community College, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, The University of Alberta, and Westerra Institute of Technology. This Community Consortium serves the region from the Pembina Educational Consortium facilities in Drayton Valley and through the utilization of classrooms in local schools. Classes were offered in Thorsby and Entwistle in 1984-85.

Programming

The Bachelor of Administration degree program from Athabasca University started to be made available to the Pembina Educational Consortium in the Fall of 1984. The Pembina Educational Consortium also joined the Alberta Educational Teleconference Network and courses are now offered from SAIT and The University of Calgary to students in the Drayton Valley region.

The Pembina Educational Consortium shares its facilities with the Powerhouse Further Education Council, making an office and secretarial services available to them. This council and other community organizations also offer a broad range of non-credit courses. The Powerhouse Further Education Council participates in the planning and development of needs assessment surveys for the area. The Pembina Educational Consortium also maintains a friendly relationship with the Leduc Further Education Council.

Credit course enrolments stood at 1075 in 1985-86, with 792 students registered in the programs offered during the year.

The following credit programs are to be delivered through the Pembina Educational Consortium in the 1986/87 year:

Program	Location	Institution
Bachelor of Administration	Drayton Valley/ Whitecourt	Athabasca University
Academic Upgrading Full and Part-time	Drayton Valley/ Whitecourt	Alberta Vocational Centre - Edmonton
Oilfield Training	Drayton Valley/ Whitecourt	Alberta Petroleum Industry Training Centre
Technical Updating Courses	Drayton Valley	Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Power Engineering III	Drayton Valley/ Whitecourt	Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Power Engineering IV	Drayton Valley/ Whitecourt	Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Early Childhood Development Diploma	Drayton Valley/ Whitecourt	Grant MacEwan Community College
Credit Courses		Various

Pembina: Board of Directors

Chairman: Dr. Michael Andrews; Members: Mr. J. Alan Day, Mr. Fred Williamson, Dr. Iain Taylor, Mr. Lloyd Carswell, Dr. Chuck Shobe, Mr. Barry Snowden, Mr. Harvey Luedtke, Mrs. Betty Bouchard, Mr. Al Gannon, Mr. David Kolbuc, Mr. Dene Meraw, and Dr. Brent Pickard.

Pembina: Regional Advisory Committee

Chairman: Mr. E. C. (Dene) Meraw; Vice-Chairman: Mr. J. Alan Day; Members: Miss Wendy Gould, Mrs. Jenny Harris, Mrs. Betty Bouchard, Mr. Ed Haykowski, Ms. Elaine Solberg, Mr. David Kolbuc, Mr. Bob Booth, Mr. William Palmer, Mrs. Audrey Smale, and Mr. Charlie Miner.

YELLOWHEAD REGION EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM

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The Yellowhead Region Educational Consortium serves the towns of Hinton, Jasper, Edson, Grande Cache and the surrounding region. It is an association of institutions including Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Forestry Technology School (Hinton), Grant MacEwan Community College, Grande Prairie Regional College, Athabasca University, The University of Alberta, Alberta Vocational Centre - Edmonton, ACCESS Alberta, and Westerra Institute of Technology.

Programming

In addition to providing for the delivery of credit programs and courses in the region, the Yellowhead Region Educational Consortium also offers non-credit professional development short courses on a cost-recovery basis.

The Yellowhead Region Educational Consortium is an active member of the Hinton Further Education Council. It also shares office space with the Further Education Councils in Edson and Grande Cache. The Consortium provides administrative advertising for the Jasper, Edson, Hinton and Grande Cache Further Education Councils in it's programming brochures and shares information regarding credit and non-credit programming in each of these areas. Wherever possible, the joint use of facilities for programs is encouraged.

In 1985-86, there were 324 students registered in the credit programs offered in the region, with 2652 credit course enrolments recorded.

The Yellowhead Consortium is coordinating the delivery of the following credit programs in the 1986/87 year:

Program	Location	Institution
Management Studies Certificate	Hinton/Edson	Grant MacEwan Community College
Child Care Worker Program	Grande Cache	Grant MacEwan Community College
Academic Upgrading	Regional	Alberta Vocational Centre - Edmonton
Trades Related Programming	Regional	Northern Alberta Institute of Technology
Early Childhood Development Diploma	Grande Cache	Grant MacEwan Community College
Clerk Typist Program - Part-time	Regional	Alberta Vocational Centre - Edmonton
Correctional Services Certificate	Grande Cache	Grant MacEwan Community College
Credit Courses		Various

Yellowhead: Board of Directors

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Yellowhead: Regional Advisory Committee (Yellowhead Region Education Society)

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